



Rep. Luanne Van Werven, R-Lynden



Luanne represents the 42nd Legislative District, which includes much of Whatcom County.

She was born and raised in Whatcom County and is the fifth generation of her family to live, work and play in Whatcom County. Luanne and her husband Larry and have four children and five grandchildren.

They, along with his parents built their Whatcom County family business into a successful enterprise. Managing their small business, Luanne learned excessive government regulations often stifle growth and can stall job creation.

For more than 20 years, Luanne has worked to encourage others, particularly women, to participate in the political and legislative process. She decided to run for state representative because her experience, service and leadership prepared her to be an effective legislator.

Whether she is in Olympia or Whatcom County, Luanne is fighting for economic vitality and more job opportunities for Washingtonians, because the health of our community is dependent on a strong and functional economy.

After the 2016 legislative session she received the Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business for her 100 percent voting record in support of small business issues.

Luanne is also working on viable solutions pertaining to water rights for our farmers and fights for school reforms that fund classrooms and not bureaucracies, because our kids deserve priority. She always votes to protect family budgets from tax increases, because she understands that people work hard for their money and deserve to keep as much of it as possible. These are Luanne's priorities to ensure Whatcom County residents have the quality of life they deserve.